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Dentists

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## Deadlines extended for dentists

The July 1, 2001, deadline by which dentists would have been required to use the current American Dental Association (ADA) coding system as well as ADA claim form — Version 2000 — has been extended.

### **“0” to “D” code change — deadline extended**

#### *Background*

The American Dental Association (ADA) changed its dental procedure codes last year to eliminate duplication of codes contained in medical or other coding systems. As a result, all ADA procedure codes now begin with a “D” instead of a “0” (zero). Wisconsin Medicaid began accepting these dental procedure codes for dates of service on and after July 1, 2000. ADA procedure codes, descriptors, and common dental terms can be found in the *Current Dental Terminology Third Edition (CDT-3/2000)* manual.

At the request of the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA), Wisconsin Medicaid allowed a transition period, scheduled to end July 1, 2001, during which dentists could use either the “D” or the “0” codes. Refer to the August 2000 *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* (2000-15) titled, “Changes to dental procedure codes,” for more information.

### *Transition period extended*

Wisconsin Medicaid has extended the transition period to allow dental offices, software vendors, and business partners additional time to make the necessary technical and software modifications before the complete conversion to “D” codes becomes mandatory. A revised deadline will be announced at a later date. Although the transition period has been extended, Wisconsin Medicaid encourages providers to begin using the “D” codes, as recognized by *CDT-3/2000*, as soon as possible.

### **American Dental Association claim form — Version 2000 — deadline extended**

#### *Background*

The ADA released its Version 2000 claim form last year. Wisconsin Medicaid began accepting the form on January 1, 2000. In March 2000, Wisconsin Medicaid published an *Update* (2000-10), titled “New ADA claim form and Medicaid billing instructions,” with billing instructions for the Version 2000 claim form.

At the request of the WDA, Wisconsin Medicaid allowed dentists to continue to use either the old or the new ADA claim form until July 1, 2001.

### *Deadline extended*

Wisconsin Medicaid has extended the deadline to allow software vendors more time to make the change. A revised deadline will be announced at a later date. Although Wisconsin Medicaid has extended the deadline, providers are encouraged to begin using the ADA — Version 2000 — claim form as soon as possible.

### **HCFA 1500 claim form reminder**

Oral surgeons, oral pathologists, and other dental care providers who currently use the HCFA 1500 claim form should continue to use the HCFA 1500 claim form.

### **For more information**

Dental providers can call the dental correspondent unit at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883, Option 4, with questions regarding policy and billing.

This *Update* applies to fee-for-service Medicaid providers only. If you are a Medicaid HMO network provider, contact your managed care organization for more information about its billing procedures. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits for enrollees as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/).

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